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I would like to explain that if you think the primaries don't cost cities money now, Senator Nichol, you're mistaken. There is a possibility here that you would have an election without additional costs. If you ran a special election here would be far more economical then the way we are doing it presently if you have special election.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, could I ask a procedure question here and maybe Senator Rumery would want to do it in this manner. I'd request that he withdraw his amendments, ask they be printed in the Journal and then bring them back as a specific amendment and then move the bill on. If that's agreeable.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to just mention a few things, repeat a few things that I said when we had our bill on the floor in regard to these elections. Now you recall that city councils and mayors have been elected at the primary election. You will recall also that city budgets have fiscal years. For cities it has been July 1, and a good many....a considerable amount of work has been done on the budgets before that time and this meant that newly elected council members would come in and have to more or less except the budget without having any input into it. And this bill that we had changed the election date from May to the general election in November and it established the fiscal year of the cities to begin in January instead of July. This way the men who are elected in November would have their input into the budget for the coming year. This amendment would provide this and with unanimous consent I would ask that the amendment be held over and printed in the Journal so that we can examine it when we return.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rumery, request for unanimous consent by Senator Rumery that he withdraw his motion to adopt amendments. Are there objections? Seeing none it is so ordered. And they are to be printed in the Journal. Senator Rumery, do you wish to move to advance the bill now?

SENATOR RUMERY: I move the bill 323 be advanced.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion to advance the bill. All those in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, now we have a motion for unanimous consent to unbracket 493 and then a motion to return it to Select File for a specific amendment. Signed Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I call for unanimous consent to unbracket 493.

PRESIDENT: He called for consent to unbracket 493, are there objections? Seeing none it is so ordered. Senator Warner.